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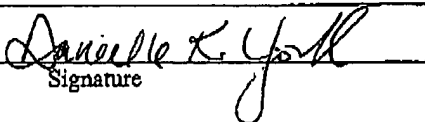
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**Communication to Examiner in Anticipation of Telephonic Interview**

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to your request via telephone on October 29, 2003 that Applicant submit a brief statement outlining the topics to be discussed in the telephonic interview scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2003. The purpose of the telephonic interview is to discuss the status of the claims and the possibility of amending the

claims for allowance rather than proceeding to appeal. Specifically, Applicant would like to discuss the status of independent claim 1, as amended.


1. A pressure vessel comprising:

a seamless tank shell defining an interior space and having an outer surface wherein said tank shell is comprised of more than one bosses, each of said bosses having a threaded portion; said outer surface having a fuel withdrawal assembly or a direct-sight fuel gauge mechanically fastened thereto; and said fuel withdrawal assembly includes a threaded portion engaged with said threaded portion of one of said plurality of bosses.

Applicant intends to discuss the appropriateness of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,193,924 to Huse. If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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